

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 591

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to propose an amendment to Article I of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to the right to hunt, fish, and harvest game.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that Article I, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

The citizens of this state have a right to hunt, fish, and harvest game, subject to reasonable regulations prescribed by law. The declaration of this right does not abrogate any private or public property rights, nor does it limit the state's power to regulate commercial activity. Consistent with the public trust to conserve birds, game, fish, and wildlife, traditional methods may be used to take non-threatened species traditionally pursued. Public hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling non-threatened wildlife.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of State.